

# Whakamaumaharatanga Memorial to Celebrate the Life of Ron Brownson

(1952–2023)



6–8pm, Thursday 16 March 2023  
North Atrium, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki

**Front cover**

*Ron Brownson*, circa 1995 by Marti Friedlander.  
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have contributed images for the photographic  
tribute.

**Music**

Douglas Lilburn, 'String Quartet in E Minor & String  
Trio', from Douglas Lilburn, *Master Works for Strings*  
(Atoll Records), performed by Martin Riseley (violin)  
with The Chamber Players of the New Zealand  
School of Music.

'Chinar es' [You are a plane tree], from *The Music  
of Armenia, Vol 2: Sharakan* (Celestial Harmonies),  
performed by Anna Mailan (vocals) with the  
Sharakan Early Music Ensemble.

Music from Aleppo, Syria, performed by Action for  
Hope Music School.

# Programme

## **Pūlotu Moana**

Pacific Sisters

## **Welcome and Introduction**

Te Arepa Morehu

Head of Kaupapa Māori

Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki

## **Waiata**

'Mā Wai Rā'

## **First Speaker**

Mary Trewby

## **Second Speaker**

Natasha Conland

Senior Curator, Global

Contemporary Art

## **Video**

Ron Brownson in Auckland Pride's  
2022 Campaign

## **Third Speakers**

Fatu Feu'u, Dagmar Dyck &  
Siliga Setoga

## **Photographs**

Remembering Ron

## **Close**

Te Arepa Morehu

## **Waiata**

'Te Aroha'

Guests are invited for kai and  
refreshments on the East Terrace,  
Level 2

'Hope' is the thing with feathers  
That perches in the soul –  
And sings the tune without the words –  
And never stops – at all –

And sweetest – in the Gale – is heard –  
And sore must be the storm –  
That could abash the little Bird  
That kept so many warm –

I've heard it in the chilliest land –  
And on the strangest Sea –  
Yet – never – in Extremity,  
It asked a crumb – of me.

– Emily Dickinson